CALIFORNIA CONDOR POPULATION SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION
April 1, 2004
(status through Mar. 31, prepared Apr. 2)

GENERAL SUMMARY

TOTAL POPULATION   **218**

CAPTIVE POPULATION   **124**

Los Angeles Zoo	**26**	
San Diego WAP	**25 (including 3 chicks)**	
WCBP Boise	**41**	
Oregon Zoo	**12**	
Mentor birds in field pens	**3**	
Pre-release birds in field pens	**17**	
Southern California	6	
Central California	2	
Baja California	3	
Arizona	6	

WILD POPULATION   **94**

California   **44**

Southern California-released birds in wild   20
Central California-released birds in wild   24

Baja California (wild)   **5**
Arizona (wild)   **45**

Changes in March:
Arizona: Release of 4 birds.
Pre-release birds: Transfer of 2 from So. Calif. field pen to Centr. Calif. (Pinnacles) pen

Eggs laid in 2004:
Los Angeles Zoo – 3 laid, 2 incubating
San Diego WAP – 11 laid, 7 incubating, 3 hatched
WCBP Boise – 24 laid, 18 incubating
Oregon Zoo – 1 laid, incubating
Wild, California – 3 laid, incubating
Wild, Arizona – 2 laid, incubating

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See below for detailed summary and explanatory notes

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    Mentor birds in field pens   **3** (SB# 36 in So. CA; # 63 in Centr. CA; # 64 in Baja CA)
    Pre-release birds in field pens   **17**
        Southern California   6 (SB# 294, 298, 301, 303, 311, 318)
        Central California   2 (SB# 306, 317)
        Baja California   3 (SB# 269, 279, 284)
        Arizona   6 (SB# 291, 293, 297, 302, 314, 316)

WILD POPULATION   **94**
California   **44**
    Southern California-released birds   20
        In wild   20
        Recaptured, temporarily held in field pen   0
    Central California-released birds   24
        In wild   24
        Recaptured, temporarily held in field pen   0
Baja California   **5**
        In wild   5
        Recaptured, temporarily held in field pen   0
Arizona   **45**
        In wild   45
        Recaptured, temporarily held in field pen   0

Changes in March:
Arizona: Release of 4 birds (SB# 296, 299, 300, 304) on Mar. 20, Vermilion Cliffs.
Pre-release birds: Transfer of two (SB #306, 317) from So. Calif. holding pen to Pinnacles release pen.

Eggs laid in 2004:
Los Angeles Zoo – 3 laid: 1 non-viable, 2 incubating
San Diego WAP – 11 laid: 1 infertile, 10 fertile: 7 incubating, 3 hatched
WCBP Boise – 24 laid: 5 infertile, 1 non-viable, 18 incubating
Oregon Zoo – 1 laid: fertile, incubating
Wild, California – 3 laid: incubating
Wild, Arizona – 2 laid: incubating

Production in 2004 to date: 39 captive-laid eggs; 5 wild-laid eggs
Production in 2003: 28 offspring in captivity and 1 fledgling in the wild were produced from 41 captive-laid and 4 wild-laid eggs.

Explanatory notes:

SB# - Condor Studbook number

"CAPTIVE POPULATION" includes:
-birds captured from the wild prior to 1988 that are still in a captive facility (e.g., zoo)
-previously released birds returned to captivity permanently or for care and possible re-release
-surviving chicks and juveniles (excludes eggs laid)
-captive-hatched birds retained for captive breeding
-young birds held in breeding facilities in preparation for transfer to a field pen for release
-"mentor birds" from a captive facility transferred temporarily into a field pen to aid socialization of pre-
      release birds
-birds transferred from a captive facility to a field pen in preparation for initial release or re-release
-WAP is Wild Animal Park (Zoological Society of San Diego); WCBP is World Center for Birds of Prey
      (The Peregrine Fund)

"WILD POPULATION" includes:
-free-flying birds recently accounted for
-free-flying birds, assumed to be alive, although not recently accounted for
-nestlings in wild nests
-temporarily re-captured wild birds, held in a field pen, that are intended to be re-released soon

"So. Calif." refers to birds originally released at sites from San Luis Obispo County to Ventura County by
      the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Birds released
      in the two California release areas now freely intermingle.
"Central Calif." refers to birds originally released at sites north of San Luis Obispo County by the Ventana
      Wilderness Society. Birds released in the two California release areas now freely intermingle.
"Baja Calif." refers to birds originally released in Baja California by the Zoological Society of San Diego,
      the Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada, and the Instituto
      Nacional de Ecología.
"Arizona" refers to birds in Arizona and several other states east of California, released by The Peregrine
      Fund.

Mortalities requiring law enforcement investigation often will not be publicly reported immediately.

Wild Population Statistics, Apr. 1, 2004

1988-92: So. CA – 15 Andean condors released, 1 died, 14 returned to captivity, relocated
1992-95: So. CA - 13 California condors released in 1992-93: 6 died, 7 returned to captivity permanently
Since 1995:
165 California condors released (So. CA – 52; Cent. CA – 38; Baja CA – 5; AZ – 70)
  58 released-bird deaths: (0 in 1995; 2 in 1996; 6 in 1997; 5 in 1998; 7 in 1999; 16 in 2000; 5 in 2001;
      7 in 2002; 10 in 2003; 0 so far in 2004)
  14 returned to captivity permanently, indefinitely, or for extended treatment or rehabilitation

Egg-laying pairs in the wild, California: 2 in 2001; 3 in 2002; 1 in 2003; 3 so far in 2004
Egg-laying pairs in the wild, Arizona: 1 in 2001; 2 in 2002; 3 in 2003; 2 so far in 2004
5 known deaths of nestlings in the wild in CA; 1 bird fledged in the wild in AZ

July 1 totals: 6 in 1995, 17 in '96, 29 in '97, 38 in '98, 49 in '99, 48 in '00, 56 in '01, 64 in '02, 82 in '03

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